

Ells Building
17-21 West Main Street
Waterbury
New Haven County
Connecticut

HABS No. CT-404

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Connecticut	COUNTY New Haven	TOWN OR VICINITY Waterbury
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Ells Building		HABS NO. CT-404
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 17-21 West Main Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) possibly c. 1866		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Contributing element to late nineteenth/early twentieth century commercial district. Built as an investment by J. Ells and housed a pharmacy on the first floor, workers' residences on upper floors. After 1880 known as Park Hotel and after 1902 remodeling as the Chelsea Hotel.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Load-bearing masonry		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Cut stone storefront topped with stone cornice, bay windows of pressed metal on upper floors, brick parapet		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) None		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Major remodeling after 1902 fire; remodeled again in 1917; shortly after 1917 structure joined to 14-20 Bank Street at rear to become part of Henry's Hotel; storefronts installed under stone cornice mid-twentieth century		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good condition, commercial use		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Structure to be demolished		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)		
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